

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-21 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1, 11, and 21 are independent. In the Office Action dated July 10, 2007, the Examiner objected to the specification for not listing application numbers for the related applications. The Examiner rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, 12, 14-17, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,715,415 ("*Dazey*"). The Examiner additionally rejected claims 3, 8-10, 13, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Dazey*.

In response, Applicants have amended the specification to include application numbers for the related applications. Applicants have also amended claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 15, and 21 to overcome the various antecedent-based rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, at page 17, paragraph [072] and at page 18, paragraph [074]. Dependent claims 4 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. At least some of the subject matter of these claims were incorporated into amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21. Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 and their dependent claims 2, 3, 5-10, 12, 13, and 15-20 are allowable over *Dazey* under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

More specifically, Amended claims 1, 11, and 21 each recite at least “a second pane for displaying a content form and receiving input from the user into the content form, wherein the content form displays only a subset of available data objects relating to the task and wherein at least some fields in the content form are pre-filled with data generated based on the particular task and the role of the user within an organization.” This amended portion of the independent claims incorporates at least some features of canceled claims 4 and 14, which previously specified that “the content form of the second pane is pre-filled upon display of the content form and prior to the user entering any data.” In rejecting claims 4 and 14, the Examiner contended that *Dazey* shows pre-filing the content form because it discloses an open file control button. Office Action, page 5.

Applicants submit that the open file control button of *Dazey* does not show the claimed pre-filling feature for at least two reasons. First, the open file control button resides in “an upper toolbar 54 located above [and outside of] the workspace 50,” which the Examiner equates to the claimed second pane. Col. 4, lines 16 and 17. Second, the open file control button merely allows the user to open a file that is external to the current display in workspace 50 and, therefore, does not enable pre-filling “at least some fields in the content form” displayed within the second pane as required by Applicants’ amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21. Moreover, amended claims 1, 11, and 21 further specify that the pre-filled data is “data generated based on the particular task and the role of the user within an organization.” Neither the open file control button of *Dazey* nor any other portion of *Dazey* shows or suggests this specific

tailoring of pre-filled content to the user based on the particular task and the user's role within an organization.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that at least because *Dazey* fails to show or suggest each feature of Applicants' amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21, amended claims 1, 11, and 21 are not anticipated or obvious over *Dazey*. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5-10, 12, 13, and 15-20 each depend from one of claims 1, 11, and 21, and are, therefore, also allowable at least because of their dependency on an allowable base claim.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the cited reference. Applicants therefore request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: September 14, 2007

By: 
Cathy C. Ding
Reg. No. 52,820